

REMARKS

Entry of this Amendment and reconsideration are respectfully requested in view of the amendment made to the claims and for the remarks made herein.

Claims 1-21 are pending and stand rejected. Claims 1, 13 and 19 have been amended to correct a grammatical error.

Claims 1-10, 12-13, 15-16, 18-21 and 23 stand rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Alexander (USP no. 6,177,931).

Applicant respectfully disagrees with and explicitly traverses the reason for rejecting the claims.

Claim 1, for example, recites:

1. A method for searching for television programs comprising the steps of:
identifying at least one key object in at least one Internet document, wherein said key object represents a topic of interest and said at least one Internet document is not related to said television programs;
sending said at least one key object to a search capable video recorder; and
conducting a key object search with said search capable video recorder to locate at least one television program that contains said at least one key object.

Alexander, as read by applicant, teaches system and method for displaying and recording control interface with television programs, advertising information and program scheduling. More specifically, Alexander teaches an improvement over previous Electronic Programming Guides (EPG) in that it provides: improved viewer interaction capability with the EPG, improved viewer control of video recording, improved features to the display and navigation, etc.. (see Abstract). Alexander teaches that a user may view information on the Internet that is related to a television presentation by using special icons that are included on the television screen. The information obtained from the Internet provides additional information regarding the program being viewed and the web site may provide links to even more information. This process of viewing information obtained from the Internet is described with regard to a sports program in col. 18, lines 13-54.

Alexander further discloses that a user may search an index available on the Internet of recorded television news programs and reports. The viewer can search the index. If the viewer selects one of the indexed reports, a video clip of the indexed report will be shown in the area on the screen. Alexander further states that the EPG is capable of linking between news items in a special news guide and related television programs. (see col. 19, lines 4-31).

However, Alexander fails to disclose identifying at least one key object in an Internet document and conducting a key object search to locate at least one television program that contains the at least one key object, as is recited in the claim 1, for example. Rather, Alexander discloses, in one aspect, using information provided on the television to identify **related** information on the Internet. And, in another aspect, searching an index on the Internet and viewing **related** video clips. In this latter case, the viewer is searching a provided index and related video clips are already associated with the index.

A claim is anticipated only if each and every element recited therein is expressly or inherently described in a single prior art reference. Alexander cannot be said to anticipate the present invention, because, as shown, Alexander fails to disclose each and every element recited. More specifically, Alexander fails to disclose a search to locate at least one television program based on a selected key object that were obtained from an unrelated Internet document, because the index and the video clips are related.

Applicant submits that the reason for the rejection of the claim has been overcome and can no longer be sustained. Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the rejection and allowance of the claim.

With regard to independents claim 13 and 19, these claims recite subject matter similar to that recited in claim 1 and were rejected for the same reason used in rejecting claim 1. For the amendments made to these claims, which are similar to the amendments made with regard to claim 1, and for the remarks made in response to the rejection of claim 1, which are also applicable and reasserted, as if in full, herein, in response to the rejection of claims 13 and 19, applicant submits that the reason for rejecting these claims has been overcome and the rejection can no longer be sustained. Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the rejection and allowance of the claims.

With regard the remaining claims these claims ultimately depend from the independent claims 1, 13 and 19, which have been shown to contain subject matter not disclosed by, and, hence, allowable over, the reference cited. Accordingly, these claims are also allowable by virtue of their dependency from an allowable base claim.

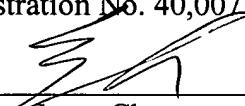
Accordingly, applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the rejection and allowance of the claims.

Although the last Office Action was made final, this amendment should be entered. No matter has been added to the claims that would require comparison with the prior art or any further review. Accordingly, pursuant to MPEP 714.13, applicant's amendments should only require a cursory review by the examiner. The amendment therefore should be entered without requiring a showing under 37 CFR 1.116(b).

For all the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully submitted that all the present claims are patentable in view of the cited references. A Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

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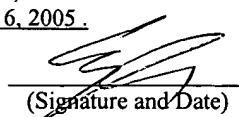
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